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Dishonest Dealers Have Tricked the Purchasers of Rubies. mong the papers included in the port on mineral resources of the United States just issued from the Geological Survey office is one by George F. Kunz, the well-known expert in gems, on precious stones. A portion of this article is devoted to artificial rubies. It seems that early in the summer the syndicate des diaments et pierres precieuses was informed that certain stones which had been sold as rubies from a new locality were suspected to be of artificial origin. They were put upon the market by a Geneva firm, and it was surmised that they were obtained by the fusion of a large number of small rubies, worth at the most a few dollars a carat, into one fine gem worth from \$1,000 to \$2,500 per carat.

Some of these artificial stones were examined by Mr. Kunz, but he was not permitted to break them for analysis, to observe the cleavage, or to have them cut so as to observe the optical axes more correctly. It was possible, however, to detect their artificial nature with a mere pocket lens, as the whole structure was that peculiar to fused masses. Among the principal differences between these and the genuine stones was the presence in them of large numbers of federation should be broken up. Quespherical bubbles, rarely pearshaped, sometimes containing stringy portions showing how the bubbles had moved. When examined individually they always seemed to be filled with gas or air, and formed part of a cloud, the rest having the waviness of a fused mixture. In natural rubies the cavities are always angular or crystaline in outline, and usually filled with some liquid, or if they form part of a "feather," as it is called by the jewelers, they are often arranged with the lines of growth. Hence the difference in appearance between the cavities in the natural gem and those in the fused gem is very great, and can readily be detected by the pocket lens.

Another distinguishing characteristic is that in many genuine rubies there is a silky structure (called "silk" by the jewellers,) which, if examined under the microscope, is found to be a series of cuneiform or acicular crystals, often iridescent and arranged parallel with the hexagonal layers of the crystal. When in sufficient number these acicular and arrow-shaped crystals produce the asteria or star effect, if the gem is cut en cabochon form, with the centre of the hexagonal gem is held in a good light and the the same as that of a true ruby, 8.8. or a trifle less than 9, the only difference being that the artificial stones were a trifle more brittle.

The specific gravity of these stones was found to be 3.93 and 3.95. The true ruby ranging from 3.93 to 1.01, it will be seen that the difference is very slight, and due, doubtless, to the presence of the included bubble in the artificial stones, which would slightly decrease the density. The color of all the stones examined was good, but not one was so brilliant as a very fine ruby. The cabochons were all duller than fine, true stones, though better than poor ones. They did not differ much in color, however, and were evidently made by one exact process or one at a time. Their dull appearance is evidently due to the bub-

The French syndicate referred the matter to M. Friedel, of the School of Mines, Paris, supplying him with samples of the stones for examination. He reported the presence of the round and pear-shaped bubbles, and determined the hardness and specific gravity to be about the same as of the true ruby. On analysis he found them to consist of alumina, with a trace of chromium for the coloring matter. He states that he himself has obtained small red globules with these inclusions by fusing alumina by oxyhydrogen light; and, although having no positive evidence, he believes these stones to be artificially obtained by fusion. On receipt of M. Friedel's report the syndicate decided that all cabochon or cut stones of this kind shall be sold as artificial and not as precious gems. All sales effected thus far, amounting to some 600,000 or 800,000 francs, shall be canceled and the money and stones returned to their respective owners. The syndicate has thus fully settled the position which this production will take among gem dealers, Mr. Kunz says, and there is little reason to fear that the ruby will ever lose the place it has occupied for so many centuries .- Cor. Philadelphia Press.

# THE CANADIAN FRENCH.

Extraordinary Increase in the Population of Their Prosperous Colonies. A gentleman from Scotland, who spent last summer in the Province of Quebec, gives a Glasgow paper an inthe French population, and of its probable effect on the future of the Dominion. He states that families of from sixteen to nineteen children are home much of their earnings. The and Express. priests are reluctant to have them go away for fear they will lose their regard for the church.

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placed the cross on the spire of many old Episcopalian churches. Their gain in territory is steady and by no means slow. They cherish a dislike toward the English, because they conquered their fathers. Still they have no love for France or her people. All their knowledge of France is traditionlower St. Lawrence are like those in rich under and upper crust. Normandy and Brittany two hundred years ago. The language standing it. They commit few great Plowman. crimes, have no disgusting vices and "without a country," caring little for dressing as for chicken salad. either the English or French, they are patriotic. To state it differently, they believe in themselves and are proud of their race. They think that the French the top. In a breast of veal the brisket in France have degenerated, while they have preserved all that was glorious in the vineclad land beyond the

The population of the Province of Quebec is almost entirely French, who have no sentiment of loyalty to the British Crown and very little toward the Dominion Union. In case the conbec would control the River St. Lawrence and could deprive Ontario, Manitoba the entire Canadian Northwest of their natural outlet. It could, if it choose, exact tribute from every craft that passed up and down the river. The separation of the Province of Quebec from the Dominion would not imply any likelihood of forming a union with the United States. The experiment has more than once been tried of inducing the French-Canadians to cast their lot with us. Inducements for them to revolt were held out during the revolution and during the war welcomed by the French inhabitants. They soon found out their mistake, however. The priests thought their flocks safer under the rule of England than the United States. To their minds there was quite too much talk | cut in rounds and bake. about free religion and no religion in this country. - Chicago Tribune.

### A MAN OF MUSCLE.

Herculean Strength of a German Who Calls Himself Herr Samson.

A native of Hesse-Darmstadt is now exhibiting his extraordinary muscular prism on the top of the cabochon. powers under the assumed name of A ton of shorts and meal bought and Mr. Kunz failed to find them in the artificial stone, or even any of the markings of the hard artificial stone, of the hard artificial stone of the markings of the ma of the markings of the hexagonal iron ring, three-eighths of an inch crystal, which often can be seen when a thick, which he slips over his upper arm after rubbing the latter with oil. light allowed to strike obliquely across He then distends the muscles of his the hexagonal prism. The hardness arm and the ring assumes an oval form, of these stones was found to be about and is handed around among the spectators to convince them that "there is no deception." He next takes an iron chain, the links of which are one-eighth of an inch in thickness, and, after waving it two or three times in the air, snaps it asunder with a jerk. The pieces shower around. He afterward takes three the second over the neck, the third around the right wrist. All three are secured to the floor. Suddenly, springing up from a stooping position, he breaks all three of them, amid the plaudits of the crowd. Two other instances of his herculean strength may be of interest. Last year Herr Samson entered a factory where a small engine was at work. He entered into a wager that he could stop it with his arms. Every body laughed at him. However, he made the attempt and won his bet. Not long ago he was taking several ladies home from a party, when he encountered a group of rowdies who made some offensive remarks. Samson struck four of the fellows to the ground, and their yells attracted the police, who, taking him for the aggressor, proceeded to handcuff him, to which he quietly submitted. But no sooner had he been thus secured than he snapped the chain and put the policemen to flight, after a fruitless endeavor to convince them of the real state of the case. - Chicago

## RAT AND MICE-TRAPS.

"The increased sale of poison has

caused manufacturers of rat and

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nouse traps to wake up," said a salenan recently. 'Those patent foods are so much easier to handle than the old traps that housekeepers prefer to use them. The old-fashioned mousetraps made of wire and wood, with a piece of cheese hung on a hook inside, have gone entirely out of date. The trouble with these traps is that the rats and mice soon get to know them and will keep away from them. A new trap for mice has been made and is very successful. It is built in the shape of a small house with doors and windows. These doors and windows all open when pushed against, but spring shut again at once and can not be opened from the inside. As a bait a little grain is distributed teresting account of the fecundity of about the inside of the house. The mice soon find this out and several can be caught in one night in this trap. For rats something stronger is required, and rats are very cunning. by no means uncommon. During a too. A very popular trap is made of century the French population of Can- two rows of steel teeth. When the ada has increased from about 70,000 trap is set these teeth are opened and to 1,225,000. This remarkable increase hidden from view. A piece of meat has not been due to immigration, as is placed on a spring in the center of the proportion of French settlers since the trap, and when touched releases the country passed under British rule the teeth, which spring shut and kill has been very small. In fact, a hun- the rat at once. All rat traps are on dred French families have moved into the spring system. One trap has a Many of these expect to return, and a much when caught and some have into butter, there is a loud demand for for return postage. Address large proportion of the young men and been known to eat off their own legs a different character of beeves. And women who come to this country send to release themselves.—N. Y. Mail

-A little bright four-year-old miss breeds of pigs, sheep and cattle, there recently went to church with a neigh- is a strong tendency to put on fat in The French in Canada are gradual- bor's wife, and on returning, was masses without a suitable admixture ly extending their possessions west- asked by her mother: "Well, Maud, of lean. It is evident, therefore, that ward, and they have already absorbed | what did they do in church?" Maud's | in the future selection and breeding of many townships that were once en- answer: "Well, mamma, one man stock, there will have to be more attirely occupied by the Protestant En- rung the bell, one played the organ, tention paid to the character of the

HOME AND FARM.

-A roasted, or boiled lemon, filled while hot, with sugar, and eaten still hot, just before retiring, will often break up a cold.

-Cream Pie: Take a pint of rich sweet cream, two tablespoonfuls each al, and they know nothing of the coun- of corn starch and sugar, and flavor try as it is to-day. The villages on the with nutmeg. Use for these a pretty

-Don't be afraid to pluck your geese during the winter months if you spoken by the people is old have them in good condition and a French, and the modern Parisian warm place to house them if a severe would find great difficulty in under- spell of winter follows. - Western

-Ham Salad: One pound of boiled no striking virtues. A poor soil, a ham, chopped fine; one-half dozen severe climate and large families have small pickles, chopped fine also; ald made them economical. Men literally little chopped celery and serve with a

-To carve a loin of veal, begin at

the small end and separa'e the ribs. A fillet of yeal should be cut first from and breast must be separated and then

-Coffee Jelly: One quart of strong hot coffee, one-half box gelatine dissolved in water; sweeten to taste, strain through a muslin bag and put into a mold. Serve with whipped -How many weeds will you allow

to grow and flourish on your farm? And how many bad habits will you allow to luxuriate in your immortal soul? Now is a good time to decide both questions. - Western Plowman. -The farmer should remember that

f he can plow at any time during the winter he will gain so much time for spring work. Ground that will be exposed to frost may be plowed wet, dry, or in any other condition, as the xpansion and contraction of heat and cold will prevent its clogging. The frost is the best pulverizer known. -Oatmeal Cakes: One cup of

sugar, half a cup of milk, two cups of of 1812, and the soldiers that were flour, three cups of oatmeal, one and a sent to capture Quebec expected to be half teaspoonfuls of soda, three teaspoonfuls of cream of tartar, half a cup of melted butter. Mix the butter and sugar together, add the milk, sift in the soda, then the oatmeal, flour and cream of tartar. Roll out thin,

-To enrich the farm indefinitely is an easy problem, with cows that will consume the usual amount of pasture hav and grain, and give the usual profit on the same, and then beyond that will eat a ton of meal each in a year, pay its cost, and return a profit on the amount paid for the extra feed.

MORE LEAN MEAT. The Immense Demand for It in Town and City Markets. There is in progress a decided change in the public taste and demand for beef, pork and mutton, with less fat and more lean. It is not the lean caused by poor or scanty feeding, but that kind of meat which is produced by breeding the choicest class of animals, in the direction of marbleized meat, finely streaked with alternate fat an lean. The hog which is a mere lump of lard, is no longer acceptable to the consumer of fresh pork. This kind of meat, especially in the cooler parts of the year, is in immense demand in our town and city markets. Hence such butchers as pride themselves in furnishing their choice customers with such pork chops or roasts as can only be furnished from a certain class of hogs, are beginning to be particular about the character and condition of the hogs they buy. And some of them are necessarily educated to be the best judges of the meat of the hog. Swine feeders are beginning to wake up to the question of producing an animal which s composed of something more agreeable to the taste of the epicure. And

take this into consideration. The same with mutton. In former rears the lovers of this delicious meat demanded the fat Cotswold. Whether it be that the world is abandoning the robust exercise of the farm or the chase, and hence have not the taste nor the digestive organs, to demand such fat mutton, or whether a higher intelligence suggests something different, is needless to investigate. But among mutton-eaters there is an increasing demand for more lean and less fat, as is the case with Down mutton. And in parts of the world where sheep are raised as much for their meat as their wool, this is going to be a leading element in the question of

in the future hog-breeders will have to

what breed of sheep to raise. There has been and is yet a strong maturity. And there is no doubt that it is profitable to the producer to prepare his beeves for market in the shortest possible time. But there comes a complaint from the delicate stomachs of beef eaters as well as the ormand that such beef is too fat and soft; that it is not streaked or marked as the beef is which had been kept in a good, healthy and growing condition until it had attained two and a half years, and then finished off by high feeding. The demand is almost universal at our butchers' stalls for more lean and less fat, especially through the hot months. Tallow, which used to be the most valuable part of the beef, has become the poorest. Forty years ago the butcher robbed the beef of nearly all the tallow, as it was worth twice as much per pound. Now they crowd on all they can, as it is not worth half as much as good, lean beef. Formerly the great demand for tallow for candles made the fattest beef the most valuable. Now, breeders will be compeled to make this a leading question. In some

Early Glimpses of Fremont.

"I shall never forget the first time I saw John C. Fremont," said a pedestrian on Broadway in New York the other day. 'It was soon after his nomination as the first candidate of the Republican party in 1856. An immense and enthusiastic crowd, wearing wideawake capes and bearing torches, gathered in front of the house in which he was staying, and which, unless I am mistaken, was in Twelfth street, just west of Fifth avenue. Frement and Jessie appeared on the balcony, and when we caught sight of the romantic couple, in the light of the flaming torches, they seemed to be the ideal specimens of manly vigor and womanly grace. We rent the air with our plaudits, and our salutations were returned by the twain, who looked supremely happy. Wherever Fremont went he was the hero without a parallel at that time, but now he walks through the crowded streets, wholly unknown to the surging multitudes."

Let Your Light Shine.

In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred suc-cess is the stamp of merit. There may be cess is the stamp of merit. There may be enough \*\*eming\* exceptions to prove the rule, but the proposition will stand. How is success attained? Variously. In business perhaps the essential of essentials is judicious, persistent advertising. Men who are "up to snuff" have grasped the idea. Many examples might be given. Probably none would better illustrate the truth of the above than R. W. Tansill, the given manufacturer. than R. W. Tansill, the cigar manufacture of Chicago. Before he came into the field the opinion prevailed that cigars could be sold only by employing traveling-men. Mr. Tansill thought differently. He thought that an honest article, at a fair margin of profit, and liberally advertised in newspapers, could be sold direct to the retailer, thus saving to the dealer the large item of expense repre-sented by the high-priced traveling-man. The plan worked from the start. Dealer and smoker "caught on" to such a surprising extent that, even at the small profit he re-serves for himself, Mr. T. is now recognized as one of the solid men of Chicago. kept faith with his customers and with the public, and the name of his "Punch" cigar is household word. Honesty, and originality, and pluck-AND ADVERTISING-did it.

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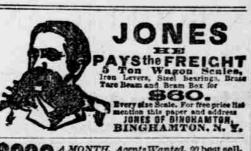
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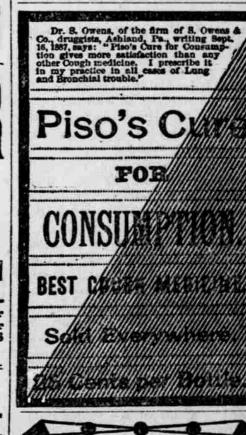
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